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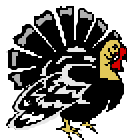
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to firm. Demand moderate to good with most interest for deferred shipments. Trading slow for current deliveries. Offerings light to adequate and held with confidence. Demand and trading was active on fresh tom breast meat with increased strength starting to be noted, balance light to moderate. Interest was noted for 2006 contracts on various items.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market was active on tom 2-joint wings at drastically lower price levels as processors attempt to clean up excess inventories, slow on the balance of items. Demand was noted from Mexico, Asia and the Caribbean.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 16, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-	77.00	40	OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	71	71.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	70	70.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JUNE 17, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.50 **	68.50	68.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	71.00	68.00	68.40 **
WESTERN REGION	70.00 **	70.00	68.06
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.60 **	67.50 **	69.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	70.00	68.00	68.60 **
WESTERN REGION	69.70 **	70.00	69.00

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-123

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 20-JUN-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	80.37	304,500
16-24 lbs.	80.00	20,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	339,500
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 11-Jun-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	682	-5	24.32	(A)	683	24.32
South Atlantic	665	17	32.94	(A)	666	32.94
North Central	2,209	21	32.72	(A)	2,209	32.72
South Central	648	16	18.96	(A)	648	18.96
West	334	14	26.86	(A)	334	26.86

U.S. total	4,538(B)	14	29.11	2	4,540	29.11
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To-date

2005	96,520(B)	65	96,585
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To-date

2004	97,609(B)	160	97,769
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date 505,000; for last year to date 1,032,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

May	440,771*
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June 1 - 11, 2005	174,731*
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To date 2005	2,250,710*
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To date 2004	2,212,094*
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\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 11-Jun-2005

(Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,871	2,649	18	2	4,540
Avg Wt	16.53	37.98	27.76	64.30	29.11
Last week	1,624	2,314	26	1	3,965
Same wk yr ago	1,658	2,735	47	4	4,444
Avg Wt	15.83	36.54	24.19	34.69	28.68
To-date/2005	37,708	58,307	505	65	96,585
To-date/2004	39,369	57,208	1,032	160	97,769

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT.** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 JUNE 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances fully steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, frozen tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady, balance of white meat steady to instances weak. Demand and trading improved on fresh tom breast meat with instances of higher trending offering prices noted. Breast trim demand moderate to instances good, balance of white meat very light to light. Offerings of tom breast meat light to adequate, breast trim light, destrapped tenderloins adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat adequate to instances burdensome. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to instances fully steady with some industry members noting increased buyer inquiry and decreased offerings. Offerings light. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey was barely steady to weak for the adequate to instances burdensome supplies. For domestic: Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 115 and 12-14 lb. 145, fresh wing meat with skin 82, fresh scapula 108, fresh breast trim 148 cents delivered. For export: hearts 24, hen full-cut wings 25, tom necks 38, fresh thigh meat 83, frozen tom breast meat 177 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	105.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00-163.00		150.56	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	96.62	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	49.00		49.00	17
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	49.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00-42.00		39.09	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.29	170
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	28.00		28.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-41.00		38.97	59
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	90.00		90.00	15
NECKS, TOM	42.00		42.00	28
NECKS, HEN	40.00		40.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		171.71	560
THIGH MEAT	83.00		83.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	83.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	141.00		141.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	94.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	152.00	2
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	148.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	75.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00-34.00		32.33	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	208
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00		34.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.50-83.00		82.13	155

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 JUNE 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was fully steady to firm. Demand was active on tom drums due to good domestic ground turkey movement and export demand with offerings light at best. The market tone on tom full-cut wings was about steady for the moderate to good demand. Offerings adequate. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was steady to weak as sellers attempt to hold domestic markets while moving excess inventories into export channels at lower price levels. Demand active into export channels on tom 2-joint wings at the lower prices, light to moderate for domestic. Offerings adequate to burdensome. The market tone was steady to instances barely steady on tom necks. Demand light to moderate. Offerings tight to fully adequate. For domestic: fresh scapula 103, plant grade non-basted 10-12 lb. 130 and 12-14 lb. breasts 135 cents delivered. For export: hen drums 41, frozen mixed mature and young destrapped tenderloins 142 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	106.00	1/	106.00	40	105.33	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	150.56	50	150.56	50
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	96.62	520	96.62	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	49.00	17	49.00	17
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	49.00		49.00	40	49.00	70
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	39.09	55	40.32	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.43	140	25.10	670
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00		29.00	20	28.77	26
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00		36.00	40	37.73	159
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	90.00	15	90.00	35
NECKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.25	160	41.36	188
NECKS, HEN		R	40.00	20	40.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-174.00		171.76	490	171.33	1,430
THIGH MEAT		R	83.00	2	83.00	2
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	82.00		82.00	34	82.23	44
BREAST TRIM MEAT	141.00-142.00		141.60	100	141.20	300
SCAPULA MEAT		W	94.00	80	93.50	160
TENDERLOINS		F	152.00	2		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	80	148.00	240
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	75.00	40	75.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-169.00		168.67	60	169.64	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	27.00-32.00		29.50	80	33.15	520
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	52	49.55	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	52	24.32	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.50	416	31.00	624
TAILS		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	34.00	108	34.00	108
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	132	81.57	619

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